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Governor Bredesen,

My name is Guy Cobb and I live in Memphis. You were kind enough to meet with my family and I at the Capitol some years ago (I attached a photo your staff took). In 2006 I was working as a Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery planner at FedEx in Memphis. During my research specific to potential damage to the FedEx SuperHub and facilities at the Memphis Airport I accidentally discovered what I am calling a "defect" with runway 9/27. The defect was a section of the runway which crosses a very large drainage tunnel called Hurricane Creek. When I presented my findings to FedEx Express Management I was told "not to let this information get out into the public" and then to "shred" my documentation by my Director and to "let legal handle it."

I kept pushing the issue within FedEx and with the Memphis Shelby County Airport Authority but no one would do anything. Finally I sent my report to Randy DiGirolamo of FedEx Express on November 6, 2008. Three weeks later the Airport Authority announced that the entire runway was going to be replaced. I thought this was good news but when I asked if the tunnel was going to be reinforced to address the defect I was told that it was not. Two weeks prior to the opening of the new runway I was terminated. I reported this action as an AIR21 retaliation to both Federal and State OSHA. Federal AIR21 investigations state that investigations would be decided within 60 days but mine is approaching 120 days and I am about to lose my home and car. I have not applied for any unemployment benefits choosing instead to cash in what little retirement I had saved.

I am writing simply to let you know that the system for reporting this type of catastrophic problem is badly broken. I have contacted more than 17 state and federal agencies about the runway including the FBI, TBI, TSA, DOJ, and Homeland Security requesting that they contact me to that I can walk them through the complexities of my documentation. None of these agencies have contacted me. What I mostly cannot understand is how there can be such a delay when the information I have provided since 2006 is so credible and the potential for accident occurring at the airport so real.

If you could have someone with your office look into this it would help me tremendously just to know someone is doing something. I have posted all of my information at my website on this webpage (see link below) including my Hurricane Creek Master Document which is a 105 page pdf file detailing the history of the runway's defects and all communications between myself and the Airport Authority.

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Thank you,

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